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In re Application of

Eduard HOFFMANN et al.

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For: A CARRYING SLEEVE FOR
PRINTING AND TRANSFER FORMS
AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION
OF SUCH A CARRYING SLEEVE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in
accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is
directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed
documents are also enclosed.

German reference 42 17 793 is discussed in the specification of the present
application and discloses a sleeve-type off-set rubber blanket that is produced from a cut base
plate into which a rubber coat is applied. The beginning and end of the base plate, together with
the rubber coat, are welded together to form a sleeve-type printing form.

The remaining references were cited in a German application corresponding to the present application. A copy of the German Search Report is also enclosed.

European application 0 225 509 discloses a method and apparatus for printing a paper web using a sleeve that is exchangeably mounted on a cylinder.

German patent 43 11 078 discloses an apparatus for forming a sleeve-shaped printing form. This reference is also discussed in the specification of the present application as disclosing a welding device which can be used for producing the sleeves of the present application.

German reference 44 12 873 discloses a sleeve-shaped printing form having a weld seam which forms a projection which acts as a registered device.

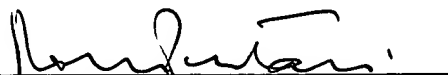
The presently claimed invention defines a specific carrying sleeve and process for production thereof which are not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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